

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: March 10, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 640 - HB 922**

This bill, if enacted, will add an additional \$10 tax on all civil cases filed in Circuit and Chancery Courts and add an additional \$3 tax on all civil cases filed in general sessions courts. The new tax revenue will be deposited to the civil legal representation of indigents fund also created by this bill. The Supreme Court, in accordance with rules and policies adopted by the Supreme Court, shall annually allocate and expend these funds to provide legal representation to poor persons in Tennessee in civil matters. The Supreme Court may designate not-for-profit organizations to receive or administer the distribution of these funds.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in recurring state revenue of \$1,666,781. This estimate is based upon the number of civil cases filed for 1993-94 as follows:

Circuit Courts		
48,997 civil cases x \$10 =	\$	489,970
Chancery Courts		
49,069 civil cases x \$10 =		490,690
General Sessions Courts		
228,707 civil cases x \$10 =		<u>686,121</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$1,666,781</u>

Enactment of this bill is also estimated to result in an increase in state expenditures for the Administrative Office of the Court; however, the amount of such increase is estimated to be not significant.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director